**Swampscott Energy Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, June 24th, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Swampscott Town Hall, First Floor Meeting Room

Members Attending: Neal Duffy, Wayne Spritz, Tara Gallagher, Thomas Dreeben, Hal Schwartz, Milton Fistel

Non-Members Attending: Rebecca LeBlanc (Sustainability Consultant), Peter Kane, Daniel Dragani

**Agenda**

1) 7:00 to 7:10 - Approval of previous meeting minutes – April and May meetings were approved.

2) 7:10 to 7:40 – Community Energy Aggregation – Discuss and approve draft of letter for submission to Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Tara Gallagher drafted a letter to be submitted to the DPU in support of the aggregation of residential electric utility accounts. If approved, this program should help stabilize and reduce electric rates for Swampscott residents.

3) 7:40 to 8:00 – Behavior change program updates. Pam Angelakis and Pete Kane met with Peregrine Consulting, the firm hired to implement the program. They selected the Middle School to pilot the program because it has the favorable combination of opportunity for savings and an ability to accurately measure the impact. Pam reached out to Katherine Porter (science teacher) to help with the program. Pete, Peregrine folks, Katherine Porter, and another science teacher met at the middle school to get the teachers thinking about what to do for the fall. Peregrine will do a facility evaluation where they will look at the systems and see what is working properly.

Peregrine is working on the technical side but they have subcontracted out the behavior part of the program to Cameron Cousins and Kate Crosby who have had a lot of success instituting such programs in other towns.

4) 8:00 to 8:20 - Facilities Consolidation Update – update from Facilities Consolidation Meeting. The job description and responsibilities for the new Facilities Director position was approved but the Director will not be hired until fall/winter at the earliest as the schools do not currently have the money in the budget to finance the position and we need to wait until the (likely) fall special town meeting.

5) 8:20 to 8:40 – Police Station – update. Neal had a conversation with Pat Jones, the chair of the Police Station Building Committee. Pat said once the lawsuit was settled he would be able to turn his attention to trying to get an audit done on the building. Neal will follow up with Pat on this.

6) 8:40 to 8:50 – Any other business that comes before the committee

Christine DePalma is leaving the committee. We need to decide if we want to recruit a new member or perhaps make Dan a voting member

Rebecca LeBlanc attended the meeting. Rebecca is a Sustainability Consultant and interested in what we are doing. She has a background in manufacturing and systems design and transferred her skills to the environmental side. She has lived in Swampscott since 2010.

Peter Spellios has been named the new Board of Selectmen Liaison.

There was a discussion about how peak rates are set and trying to take advantage of when they are set to lower the energy bills for certain accounts (especially the little league field). It may not be irrelevant if we aggregate all of the Swampscott accounts, which will hopefully happen on July 1st.